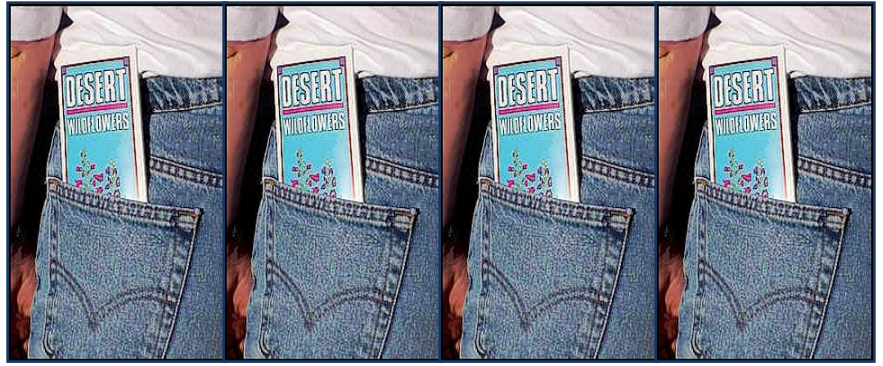


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



March 22, 2013

A Thought for Today:

The moments of happiness we enjoy take us by surprise. It is not that we seize them, but that they seize us.

- Ashley Montagu

Spring Break Is Here!

Teachers are just as delighted as kids are when it comes to spring break, and this year is especially nice because the marking period ends today. The kids get a holiday with no homework or make-up work to do and and there's an extra day tacked on so teachers can get the report card grades submitted before students return. Sweet!

I hope your child brought home the dirty gym clothes today. If not, the locker is going to be pretty intense when we get back from vacation. You might call during the week during office hours; the building will be open most of the week for you to come up and rescue the PE outfit. Otherwise, staff returns on April 2 – a day before the kids come in – and you could pick up the clothes then for overnight laundering.

We have an action-packed few weeks ahead as we race to the finish line for this school year. Some heavy-duty assessments are still ahead. The Science MSA falls during the week of April 15, but only 8th graders take it. Algebra students have the High School Assessment to pass – it's a graduation requirement – and everyone will have final exams. These are especially important for students in Spanish, Algebra and Geometry because these classes carry high school credit. In order to earn that credit, a student must earn passing grades on the report card AND must pass the second semester final exam. I have occasionally seen very strong students give in to spring fever and blow off their finals. The results can be disastrous. Even with an A in every quarter and an A on the first semester exam, failing the second semester final means the student has to take *both semesters* of a high school credit-bearing course over in high school. What a waste! Please encourage your kids to keep showing their Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Effort right up to the last day.

There are also lots of field trips scheduled for the last quarter. This is great – the weather is generally fine and the trips are fun – but there are, as always, possible concerns. Being out on a field trip doesn't mean you don't have to do that day's homework. Students have to be sure to come into the classes they missed right away, get the assignments and complete the work. Then there's the question of behavior. Almost all of our kids have done a great job this year meeting expectations and showing their PRIDE. Now is not the time to stop! Getting suspended is grounds for being removed from end of the year activities such as the 8th grade trip to Hershey Park, and office referrals can lead to restrictions such as having to spend part of a field trip in time out – or even being excluded. I'm not worried about most of our students, but it doesn't hurt to remind them that our expectations don't change just because spring has sprung! Thanks, and have a great vacation!

- Charlotte Boucher

Hallway Heroes

Hallway Heroes are students we honor for demonstrating exemplary **PRIDE** behaviors as they move from class to class, helping to keep our hallways safe and comfortable for everyone.

The students recognized below consistently demonstrate **Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication** and **Effort** everywhere they go at JPMS. They are **Hallway Heroes** and we are proud to celebrate their high expectations and their Timberwolf PRIDE!



Gabe Fernandez

Kenzie Kovach

Paul Szafranski

Kristen Hepburn

Kimi Maier

Madeleine Thompson

Garrett Karns

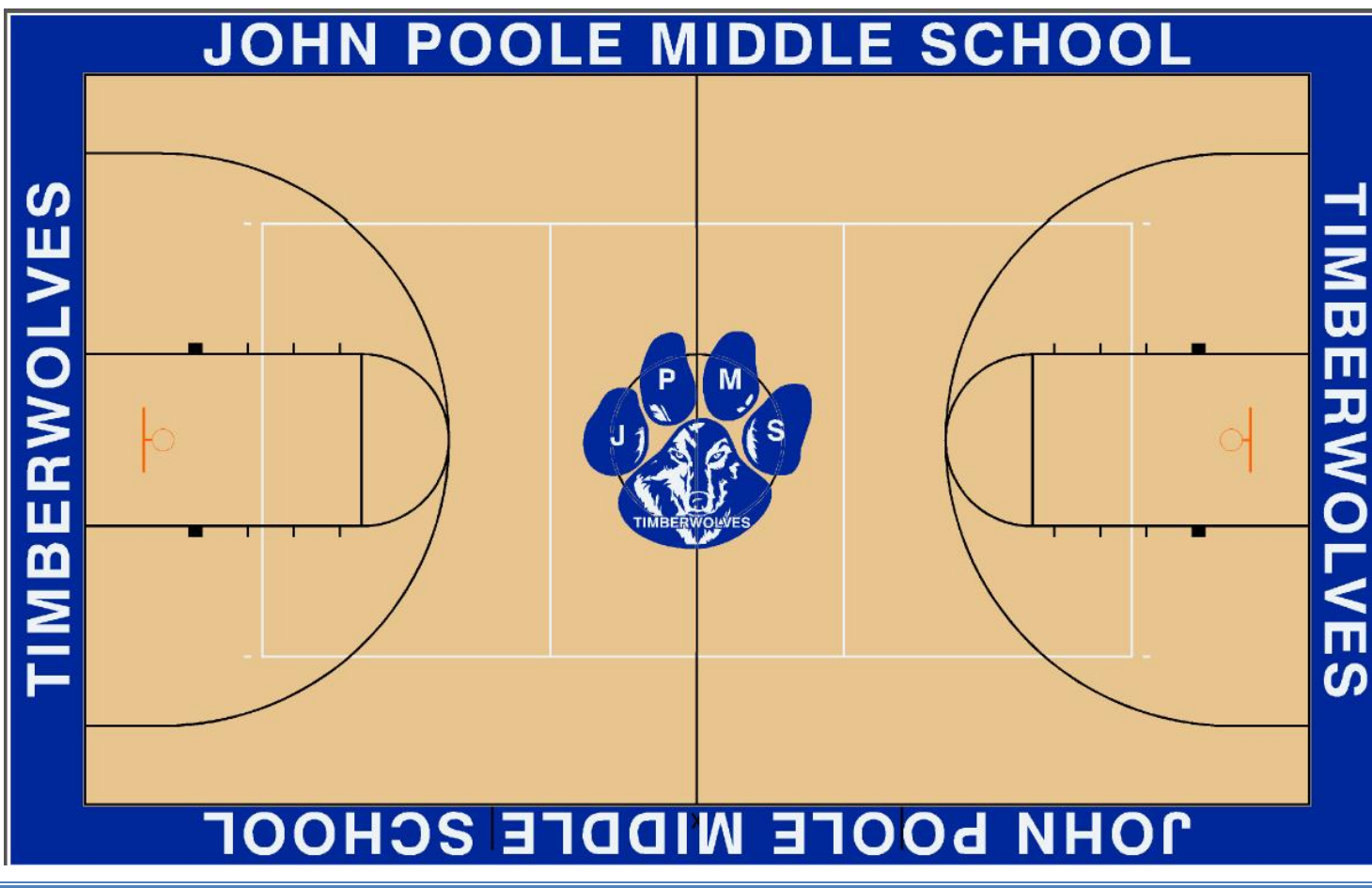
Ali Ransom

Roger Yerger

This Student Design's a Winner

We're expecting to have our gym floor resurfaced and painted this summer (as always, budget permitting), so our PE department ran a contest to allow students to submit designs for the paint job. The winner was 7th grader **Rachel Macairan**, and this week we received the graphic below for our approval. I think Rachel's wolf face in a JPMS paw looks great!

Here's a student who's leaving her mark on our school in a beautiful way!



Montgomery County History Day

Congratulations to **Alivia Atkins, Antonnia Atkins, Aidan Auel, Alec De Luna, Julia Fisher, Kaley Fisher, and Danny Geehreng**, who represented John Poole in Montgomery County History Day on Saturday March 16th. All did wonderful jobs presenting their very creative History Day projects and truly showed their JPMS PRIDE!



Special congratulations go to **Alivia Atkins** for her exhibit, "Power of Education," about desegregation in schools, which won the special prize in Local History, and to **Aidan Auel, Alec De Luna, and**

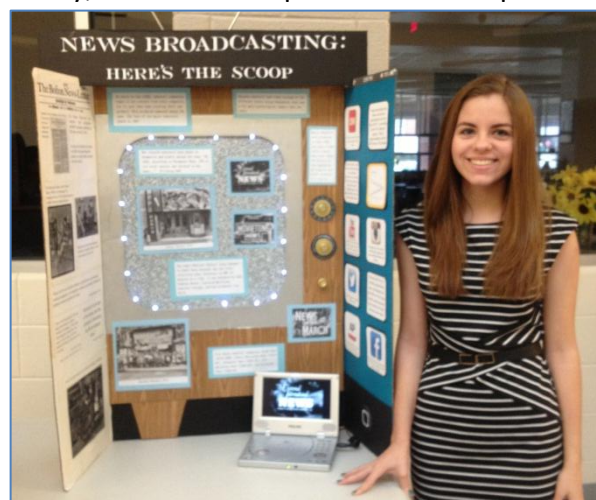
Danny Geehreng for their exhibit, "Power of Ancient Roman Weapons," which won the special prize in Archaeology and will be advancing on to the state competition. Clearly, the JPMS competitors had the power!

All of the students did amazing jobs on their projects! If you want to witness what all of their hard work and dedication produced, the exhibits will be on display in the Media Center.



Once again, congratulations to all the History Day participants. We are so proud of you!

Thanks also to our social studies teachers for their support of this event, and to Ms. Nachlas and Mrs. Fisher for taking photos.



A look at everyday life at JPMS...



**After break, we'll
show you what
Red Ribbon Week
was like!**

**Thanks to Mr. Boettner
for taking the pictures!**



Your PTSA –

“Every child, one voice”

- Jennifer Kasten – President
- Dawn Albert - Vice President
- Dreama Hemingway - Secretary
- Wendy Roldan – Treasurer
- Lori Kocur – Membership & Volunteers
- Anne Donovan & Jackie Gaddis – Staff Appreciation



Spotlight on... Opportunities to Contribute

Be a volunteer; give your financial support. Please see the information below.

Volunteer Your Time and Join the PTSA!

Please contact Lori Kocur at kocurs@verizon.net for membership information or to register as a JPMS Parent Volunteer. Once you are a registered volunteer, you will receive emails when opportunities to help out at school arise. It's as easy as that!

Membership and volunteer forms are available at the JPMS website:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/4.%20PTSA%20Membership%20Form.pdf>

What Is WeatherBug?

- * **An award-winning program**
- * **Support for learning concepts and skills in: Math, Science, Geography, Blogging, Video-casting, and Technology**
- * **Online interactive tools**
- * **Hands-on student activities**
- * **A new standard in lightning and severe weather detection that will benefit our whole community**
- * **A link to more than 8,000 schools nationwide all learning together**

We don't want to ask you to buy more stuff or to carry another sales form to your office, especially since those programs only pass on a part of the money collected to the school.

Wouldn't it be easier just to write a check?

It's not too late to help us buy the WeatherBug program. Bring your check to school or send it to Emily Pavlik. Thanks!

Are you interested in volunteering as either an officer or committee chair next year? We need your help!

Put your energy and talent to good use in support of our kids! Contact Jennifer Kasten or any of our officers to see how you can contribute to the important work our PTSA does.



Noteworthy

Community Meeting

Valaree Dickerson, Town Commissioner, has been working with Montgomery County Police Department to present a program to our entire community on Safety Awareness. Included in the presentation will be a focus on substance abuse. This important topic touches all of us as we remember the young people whose lives have been lost in the past few years to preventable accidents. The program will be at PHS on Tuesday, April 9 from 6:30-8:30PM.

To All JPMS 7th Grade Parents

The end of the school year is still a few months away, but we have started planning the end of the year event for our 7th graders. We would like to take them all to Smokey Glen Farm on **Thursday, June 13, 2013** for games, food and fun. In order to minimize the cost per student, we are asking for approximately 25-30 parent drivers to take students to and from the school and Smokey Glen Farm. We will also need 8-12 of these parents to stay as chaperones for the full day.



If you volunteer to be a driver:

Drivers will need to have seat belted seats for the number of students they agree to transport. They will need to be at the school at 7:30 AM on **June 13th** and will be assigned specific students to transport. We will leave the school by 8:00 AM. Drivers, if they do not stay as chaperones, will need to return to Smokey Glen to pick up the same children by 1:30 PM so we can return to the school by 2:00 PM.

If you also volunteer to be a chaperone:

Chaperones will be drivers as stated above and will need to pay the adult event cost of \$16 which includes lunch. Chaperones will also be available to assist JPMS staff with supervision of student activities during the day. We need to know as soon as possible if we will have enough drivers/chaperones to support this event.

If you can volunteer to be a chaperone and/or driver, please respond to Twyla Insalaco tliemail@verizon.net no later than April 1st with the following information:

- Name, email address and cell phone number (in case we need to reach you on that day)
- Whether you are volunteering as just a driver or also a chaperone
- Number of students you can transport (REMEMBER you must have seat belted seats for all students)

Student permission slips for the end of the year event will be distributed at JPMS on May 1st. Student payments will be payable to John Poole Middle School and returned to their Social Studies teacher.

Parent chaperone payments of \$16 should be made by **separate check** payable to **JPMS PTSA** and should be included with student forms and fees by the deadline given.

Thanks for your support!

Writing Contest

All 7th and 8th grade students have received information about a writing contest sponsored by the Anne Arundel Peace Action. This statewide writing contest focuses on themes of peace and social justice. It is a particularly timely fit with the 8th grade literature, including the short stories "Indian Education" and "Harrison Bergeron" as well as the novels The Giver and Animal Farm. All students are encouraged to participate. The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2013, so start writing!

Book Donations

The 8th grade teachers are looking to restock our shelves! Please consider donating middle school level books, especially current titles that your son or daughter has already read. Many students are vying for our copies of Uglies, Ship Breaker, The Secret Lives of Bees, and Chains, to name a few. Please consider donating your used books to keep our kids reading!

Dresses Needed for Drama Program

The Phantom Players are in need of dresses, suits, and fancy hats for the May 10-11, 2013. Contact Mrs. Turner at dturner322@aol.com



Please join us for **JPMS Leo Club Restaurant Night at Cugini's on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 from 5:00-9:00 p.m.** This is a great way to support the club's efforts to raise money for service projects and spend some time with your classmates. You can dine in with your friends or carry out. All money raised will help us serve our community.

Come join us at Cuginis!

See You There!!!!

**Please drop your receipt in the Leo Club container
after you place your order!!**

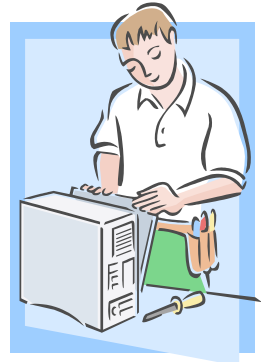


EIGHTH GRADE CAREER DAY 2013

April 25

7:30 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS



Parents and community members are needed to share their occupations with us! We are looking for a variety of careers to represent all walks of life. Our eighth graders enjoy having you come and share your careers with them. We will be having both morning career presentations and afternoon special sessions for our Career Day, providing a variety of career panels offering learning opportunities for the students.

If you are interested, or have a friend or neighbor who would like to participate, please complete the form below. Your child may return the form by **April 3, 2013**. You may contact Mrs. Arnold or Mrs. Hardy, counselors at JPMS (301-972-7980) with any questions.

We also depend on parent helpers to organize this day and help with material preparation, registration, hospitality, student snacks, and lunch for presenters. This year, we are asking parents who are *not* presenters but who want to help with the materials and food to use **Sign-up Genius** online at www.signupgenius.com.

Here's how it works:

STEP ONE: Go to www.signupgenius.com

STEP TWO: Click on the GREEN Tab labeled "FIND A SIGN UP"

STEP THREE: Enter email of the Sign up's creator: judy.mckenney@comcast.net (all lower case)

STEP FOUR: Click on ACTIVE Sign-up: JPMS CAREER DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

STEP FIVE: Review available opportunities

STEP SIX: Click on "Sign up" to volunteer

STEP SEVEN: If you are a current member of SignUpGenius, click on "I'm a SignUpGenius Member" and login to sign up

OR, if you are *not* a current member of SignUpGenius, Click on "I do not have a Sign up Genius Account" and enter the following information:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Email
- Re-enter email
- Choose a password



Now you will be able to see your choices and volunteer to help! Thanks!

JPMS Career Day

STUDENT NAME _____

THURSDAY APRIL 25, 2013

7:30 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Parent Volunteer Information

Please use our on-line sign-up Genius: www.signupgenius.com (directions above) -- or you may complete and return this form to the Counseling Office.

____ Yes, I would like to volunteer to help on Career Day, April 25, 2013. I would like to help with:

- ____ Morning Presenter Breakfast
- ____ Noon Presenter Lunch
- ____ Donate Food for Presenter Breakfast/Lunch
- ____ Distribute Student Snacks
- ____ I am willing to coordinate one of the above



*You may start dropping any donations the day before to the front office. If you are bringing soda, juice or water it would be helpful to bring it on Wednesday so we can make sure it is chilled for the next day. **Hot lunch** items should be delivered to the school at 11:00 am to ensure they are still warm for lunch. Any other items must be delivered by 7:00 am on Thursday, April 25th.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: (H) _____

(Cell): _____

(Work): _____

Email address: _____





STUDENT NAME _____

THURSDAY APRIL 25, 2013

7:30 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Presenter Information

____ ***Yes, I would like to be a presenter: 8:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.*** My presentation will be:

____ 5 – 10 minutes

____ 10-15 minutes

____ 15-20 minutes

____ Informative

____ Interactive

____ Both

____ No, I am not available at this time

____ I have signed up to volunteer in another way.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Company: _____

Position/Occupation: _____

Audio visual equipment needed: _____

I would like to contact the presenters in my group before Career Day.

Please share my email address with them: ____ yes ____ no

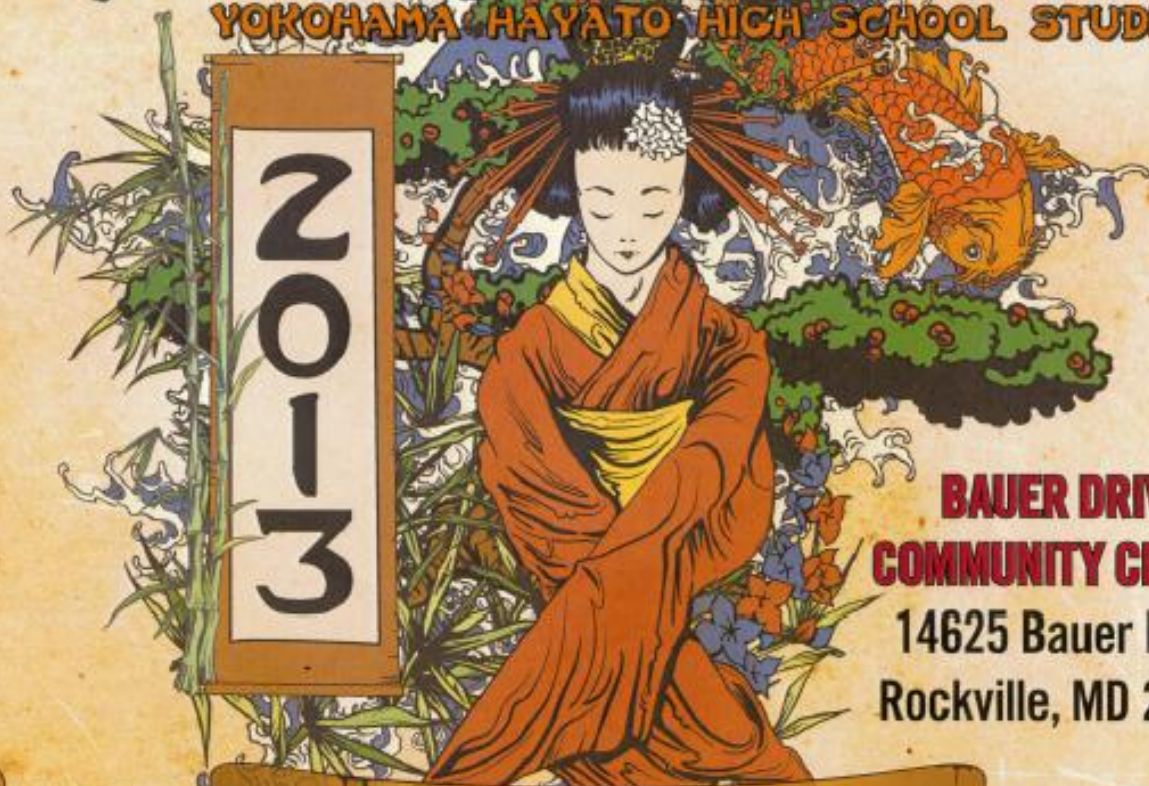
Please provide us with a brief description of the presentation you will make to students.

Please give a brief description of your job responsibilities:



JAPAN FAIR

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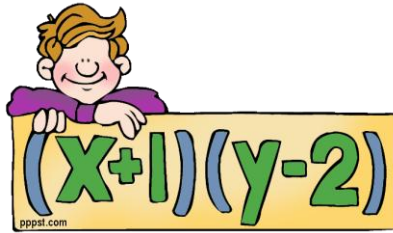
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Algebra 2 Jumpstart

Geometry students are some of our Best and Brightest students at JPMS; we want you to have every opportunity to be the Best and Brightest at Poolesville High School! You are being invited to attend a *Summer Program* that will give you a *Jumpstart* into Algebra 2!

Mark your calendars now for this great opportunity to refresh your Algebra skills so you are ready for excellence in high school. It has been a year since you took Algebra, and this is a great way to review Algebra 1 concepts so you are ready on Day 1 to excel in Algebra 2.

The class will run Monday through Friday for three weeks at John Poole Middle School. The first day of class is Monday, July 8th and the last day is Friday, July 26th. The class will be from 9:30am – 11:30a.m. You will need to have your own transportation to attend this program. There *may* be afternoon transportation if there are other summer programs at John Poole MS.

There will be a small fee of \$10 for this great opportunity to jumpstart your Algebra skills (checks made payable to JPMS).

Fill out and detach the reservation slip below with your registration fee and return it to Mrs. Ogden in the main office or Mrs. Aulls in room 309 as soon as possible and no later than Friday, April 26th.

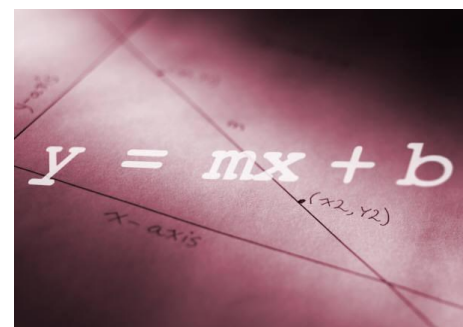
I would like to reserve a spot for the three week Algebra 2 Jumpstart class.

Student Name: _____

2013-2014 Math Course: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____



Please provide a name and number below of someone who can be reached in case of an emergency.

Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



March 25-28	Spring Break (No School)
March 29	Holiday, Good Friday (No School)
April 1	Holiday, Easter Monday (No School)
April 2	Professional Day for Teachers (No School for Students)
April 3	4 th Marking Period Begins
April 9	8 th Grade Field Trip to Ford's Theater
April 9	PTSA at Poolesville H.S. re: Safety Programs (6:30 p.m.)
April 11	Report Card Distribution

Soccer Schedule

April 10	Boys play King at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
April 10	Girls play King at King (3:15 p.m.)
April 24	Girls play Neelsville at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
April 24	Boys play Neelsville at Neelsville (3:15 p.m.)
April 30	Girls play Kingsview at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
April 30	Boys play Kingsview at Kingsview (3:15 p.m.)
May 2	Boys play Rocky Hill at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
May 2	Girls play Rocky Hill at Rocky Hill (3:15 p.m.)
May 9	Boys play Baker at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
May 9	Girls play Baker at Baker (3:15 p.m.)



Activity buses are provided Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, except on early dismissal days or the day before a holiday. Buses leave JPMS at 4:00 p.m.

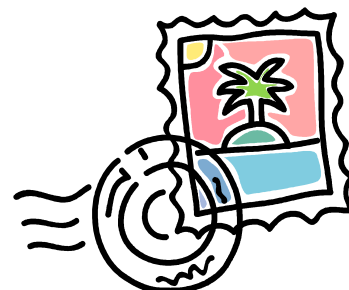
8th Grade "Island Adventure" Dance

Attention JPMS Parents!

We are looking for donations of Gift Cards for prizes during the 8th Grade Dance.

How can you help? It's easy – just pick up \$10.00 Gift Cards and send them to JPMS to the attention of Judy McKenney or Helen Trainor no later than May 17th, 2013.

Thank you so much for your donations...let's make this a dance the 8th Graders will remember for a lifetime!



PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



Boys Varsity Lacrosse

March 23	10:00 a.m.	PHS vs. Northwest HS at PHS
March 26	10:00 a.m.	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at PHS
April 3	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at Quince Orchard HS
April 8	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Sherwood HS at PHS

Girls Varsity Lacrosse

March 23	12:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwest HS at PHS
April 3	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at PHS
April 8	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Sherwood HS at Sherwood HS



CoEd Varsity Track/Field

April 3 3:30 p.m. PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at Damascus HS

April 17 3:30 p.m. PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at PHS

April 3 3:30 p.m. PHS vs. Damascus HS at Damascus HS

Varsity Baseball

March 25	12:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Gaithersburg HS at Gaithersburg HS
March 27	4:00 p.m.	PHS vs. DeMatha Catholic at DeMatha
April 4	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
April 6	1:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at PHS
April 9	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Rockville HS at Rockville HS

Varsity Softball

April 3	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Wheaton HS at Wheaton HS
April 4	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
April 6	1:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at PHS
April 10	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Einstein HS at PHS



CoEd Varsity Volleyball

April 4	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Wootton HS at PHS
April 8	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
April 10	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwest HS at PHS
April 12	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Walt Whitman HS at Walt Whitman HS

Boys Varsity Volleyball

April 4	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Wootton HS at PHS
April 8	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
April 10	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwest HS at PHS
April 12	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Whitman HS at Whitman HS



Call John Poole!

Main Office 301-972-7979
Counseling 301-972-7980
Cafeteria 301-407-1037
Health Room 301-407-1029



And Ask for...

Principal - Mrs. Boucher	Assistant Principal - Ms. Lemon
Technology & Arts IRT & Grade Level Coordinator	- Mr. Grotenhuis
English IRT	- Mrs. Lindsay
Social Studies IRT	- Ms. Nachlas
Math IRT	- Mr. McKay
Science IRT	- Mrs. Callaghan
Special Education IRT	- Mrs. Turnbull
Counseling - (Ms. Kitts, Secretary)	Mrs. Arnold - Mrs. Hardy

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Purpose
Respect
Integrity
Dedication
Effort

Our Vision:

The Timberwolf community experiences joy in learning, celebrates excellence, and values positive relationships.

Our Mission:

At John Poole Middle School, our mission is to:

- promote joy in learning through motivation and engagement**
- celebrate excellence by acknowledging achievement foster a shared responsibility for academic and social success**
- value positive relationships, thereby promoting a respectful and supportive learning environment**

